

# **ZONING INTERPRETATION RECORD**

## **Subject of Interpretation:**

Paint booth as an allowed use in I-1 zoning

## **Zoning Ordinance Section Number:**

Sec. 5.1800

## **Title of Section:**

(I-1) Industrial Park District

## **Cause for Interpretation:**

Request to operate a paint booth for an electronics manufacturing use in the I-1 zone.

## **Interpretation:**

As a rule, the City has traditionally allowed paint booths in the I-1 zone only in conjunction with “furniture manufacturing or refinishing”. “Paint booths” are not clearly identified as an allowed use under I-1, though the use is conducive to Industrial zoning. Section 5.1803, subsection 4 (Manufacturing & Processing) lists several similar uses that are allowed by right, such as “electronic assembly”, “electronic component manufacturing”, or “musical instruments manufacturing”, where an indoor paint booth is a fairly common component of the use. The design and production of paint booths has advanced significantly since the ordinance was originally written. Issues such as noise, exhaust, and fumes have been essentially eliminated by today’s technology and are further regulated by Fire & Environmental codes.

To conclude, paint booths will be allowed as an analogous use to light manufacturing uses, such as those listed above, and will not require a Conditional Use Permit. The following conditions must be met prior to installation of any paint booth: a) all paint booths must be internal; outside booths are strictly prohibited, b) all components must be UL (Underwriters Laboratory) certified, and c) architectural plans, sealed by a licensed professional, must be submitted for City review to assure compliance with applicable building & fire codes. Uses such as “furniture manufacturing” or “ceramics manufacturing” will still need to obtain a Use Permit, as required by ordinance, until such time as the ordinance is updated or amended.

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